GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:295
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2007
AMENDMENT IN MULTI STATE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT, 2002
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for amending the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the proposed amendment on the autonomy of cooperatives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 295 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH MARCH, 2007.

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received for amending the Multi-State Co- operative Societies Act, 2002. The proposals received, mainly pertain to removal of restrictions on holding of office of a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson by a Minister in the Central or a State Government and restriction on holding of such office by a Board member for not more than two consecutive terms. Further, it has also been requested to remove the restriction on holding the office of a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson in more than two multi-State co-operative societies. The Government of India has appointed a Committee to study and make recommendations regarding the amendment to be made in the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002. The Committee is yet to submit its Report.